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Chernenko is slightly behind between Andropov and Tikhonov. The other leaders are standing behind them in no clear order. Brezhnev's family is then shown kissing Brezhnev. The women are crying.

At 0944 GMT workers place the lid on the coffin and move it to the grave. The family then moves forward to the graveside. After a pause of several moments the coffin is lowered into the grave and an artillery salute can be heard. The national anthem is then played and whistles can be heard blowing. Brezhnev's family then moves forward and his widow, followed by other members of his family, throws earth into the grave. Andropov and other leaders then come forward and also throw earth into the grave. Factory whistles continue to blow, and the chimneys of a factory near the Kremlin are shown. The leadership then stands in line near the grave in the following order, from left to right, Grishin, Ustinov, Andropov, Tikhonov, Gromyko, Romanov, Kunayev and Chernenko. Scenes are shown of Red Square, and there is a brief shot of soldiers placing Brezhnev's medals on his grave. Brezhnev's widow is then escorted to the graveside. Red Square is then shown.

At 0954 GMT the leadership can be seen going back to the top of the mausoleum. A military parade then begins. From right to left can be seen, Grishin, Gromyko, Chernenko, Tikhonov, Andropov, Ustinov, Shcherbitskiy, Kunayev, Romanov and Rashidov. The last military formation passes the mausoleum at 1004 GMT, whereupon the relay concludes.

Andropov Speech

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[Speech by Yuriy Andropov at 15 November funeral ceremony for Leonid Ilich Brezhnev in Red Square -- live]

[Text] Comrades:

Our party, our people and all progressive mankind have suffered a heavy loss. We are paying today our last respects to Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, a glorious son of our homeland, a fiery Marxist-Leninist, an outstanding leader of the Communist Party and the Soviet state, a prominent leader of the international communist and working class movement, a tireless fighter for peace and the friendship of the peoples.

Let me first of all express profound condolences to Leonid Brezhnev's family and relatives.

Leonid Ilich belonged to the pleiad of political leaders who grew up and were tempered during the years of the Soviet people's selfless struggle for consolidating the gains of the Great October Revolution, for the fulfillment of Lenin's behests, for building socialism in our country and for its freedom and independence.

A worker and soldier, an outstanding organizer and a wise politician, Leonid Ilich Brezhnev was tied to the people by close and unbreakable bonds. All his life and activities were subordinated to serving the interests of the working people. He devoted all his great talent, all his tremendous energies to the cause of building a society of developed socialism, a society of freedom and social justice, of brotherhood of working people.

An extremely important period in the history of our party and country was associated with the activities of Leonid Ilich Brezhnev in the highest positions of authority in the party and the state. It was under his leadership that the party's policy, permeated with constant concern for the working man, for raising the people's welfare, was worked out and consistently implemented and the Leninist standards of party and state life and the beneficial atmosphere of close joint work were firmly established.

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Leonid Ilich Brezhnev will always be remembered by the peoples as an outstanding fighter for a lasting peace and peaceful cooperation among the peoples. He consistently fought, with all the ardor of his soul, for the relaxation of international tension, for delivering mankind from the threat of a nuclear war, for strengthening the cohesion of the socialist community and the unity of the international communist movement.

Comrades, at this hour of grief, paying our last homage to Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, all our party and its Central Committee declare their determination to pursue firmly and consistently the strategic line in home and foreign policy, which was worked out under the beneficial influence of Leonid Ilich Brezhnev.

Rallying still closer around the party, its Leninist Central Committee and its collective leadership, the Soviet people voice their support for the policy of the party and their boundless trust in it. The party will continue to do everything necessary to further raise the living standards of the people, for developing the democratic mainstays of Soviet society, for strengthening the economic and defensive might of the country, for strengthening the friendship of the fraternal peoples of the USSR. The CPSU Central Committee will undeviatingly translate into life the decisions of the 26th congress of the party and the will of the Soviet people.

We shall do everything possible for further increasing the cohesion of the great community of socialist states, the unity of the ranks of communists of the whole world in the struggle for common aims and ideals. We shall guard and develop our solidarity and our cooperation with the countries that have gained freedom from colonial oppression, with the struggle of the peoples for national independence and social progress. We shall always be loyal to the cause of the struggle for peace and international detente.

In the complicated international situation when the forces of imperialism are trying to push the peoples onto the road of hostility and military confrontation, the party and the state will firmly uphold the vital interests of our homeland, and maintain great vigilance and readiness to give a crushing rebuff to any attempt at aggression. They will redouble their efforts in the struggle for the security of the peoples and strengthen cooperation with all the peace forces of the world. We are always ready for honest, equal and mutually beneficial cooperation with any state that desires it.

In these days of sorrow we are keenly aware of the support and solidarity of the working people of the socialist countries, the fraternal parties and all fighters for social progress with our party and the Soviet people. We are grateful to them for this. We are also grateful to the governments and peoples of numerous countries in all continents who paid homage these days to the memory of Leonid Ilich Brezhnev.

Comrades, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union firmly declares that the cause of the working class, the working people, the cause of communism and peace, to which Leonid Ilich Brezhnev devoted all his life, is and will continue to be the supreme aim and meaning of all its activities.

Farewell, dear Leonid Ilich. Memory of you will never dim in our hearts. Your cause will be continued in the deeds of our party and people!

I declare the funeral meeting devoted to the memory of Leonid Ilich Brezhnev open.